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1. ON JANUARY 18 DEPUTY SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
HARALD MALMGREN, ACCOMPANIED BY STEVE LANDE OF STR
AND MISSION OFFICERS, AGAIN DISCUSSED THE US REQUEST LIST
WITH COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL HIJZEN,
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DIRECTOR FOR GATT AFFAIRS PHAN VAN PHI, DIRECTOR FOR

NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS FIELDING, AND OTHERS.

2. MALMGREN INFORMED HIJZEN OF THE REACTIONS THAT HE HAD RECEIVED SO FAR ON HIS TRIP FROM THE BELGIANS, FRENCH, GERMANS AND ITALIANS. HE TOLD HIJZEN THAT THE ITALIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FERRARI-AGGRADI, HAD SAID THAT HE WOULD INFORM THE COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS ON JANUARY 21 THAT ITALY WAS WILLING TO REOPEN THE ISSUE OF IMPROVEMENTS IN BOTH CITRUS AND TOBACCO (REFTEL C).

3. HIJZEN ADDED LITTLE TO WHAT HE HAD SAID BEFORE (REFTEL A). HE SAID THAT HE FEARED A DISCUSSION OF THE DEAF, WITH ONE SIDE SAYING "YOU DO OWE" AND THE OTHER SAYING "I DO NOT OWE". HOWEVER, THE GENEVA MEETING (REFTEL B) WOULD GIVE A CHANCE FOR DETAILED EXAMINATION. THERE IS A GREAT DISTANCE BETWEEN THE US AND EC POSITIONS. IT WOULD BE EASIER TO RECONCILE THOSE POSITIONS IF THE US WOULD PROVIDE MORE STATISTICAL JUSTIFICATION TO SHOW THAT THE EC SUPPLEMENTARY OFFER IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE US CLAIM. MALMGREN SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE WILLING TO SET OUT FURTHER NUMBERS, BUT THAT NUMBERS CONTAINED THE RISK OF LOCKING THE NEGOTIATORS INTO EXTREME POSITIONS AND THAT NUMBERS ALONE WERE NOT ABLE TO EXPLAIN QUALITY DIFFERENCES.

4. THIS CABLE WAS SENT AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR MALMGREN AND WAS NOT CLEARED BY HIM. GREENWALD

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